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SUBJECT: 25TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: DR. PETER BOURNE'S SPEECH.

1. CURRENT DRAFT OF BOURNE'S SPEECH LOOKS VERY GOOD TO US. THE ONLY RECOMMENDATION WE HAVE IS THAT CONCEPT OF MULTI-YEAR FUNDING BE LINKED SOMEWHAT MORE DIRECTLY TO UNDP REFORMS. ONE WAY OF ACHIEVING THIS WOULD BE THE FOLLOWING:

QUOTE: AS GOVERNOR GILLIGAN ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR, THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO ASSIST UNDP IN CARRYING OUT NEEDED REFORMS BY RECOMMENDING TO THE CONGRESS THAT IT GIVE MULTI-YEAR INDICATIONS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT. SUCH A STEP WOULD ENABLE UNDP TO SMOOTH THE GROWTH RATE IN PROJECT DELIVERY AND TO ALLOW FOR LONG RANGE PLANNING IN RESOURCE ALLOCATION. MORE EFFICIENT RESOURCE UTILIZATION WHICH WE UNCLASSIFIED

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BELIEVE COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE STEPS I HAVE OUTLINED ABOVE WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR THE U.S. AND OTHER MAJOR DONORS TO GIVE THESE LONG RANGE PROJECTIONS OF SUPPORT. END QUOTE

2. YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO CONSIDER CHANGING THE SECTION ON BASIC HUMAN NEEDS TO READ: QUOTE WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE

ARE DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES AND

THAT EACH COUNTRY MUST MAKE ITS OWN DECISIONS ON THE NATURE OF ITS DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. BUT WE URGE UNDP...END QUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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